

Friday .. 12 May 1950

1. Discussed with Mr. Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, the problems raised by amendments to the House Appropriation Bill. He stated that the economy steamroller was such that it had been impossible to stem it, and that the utter confusion caused by Chapter X(a) and Section 1113 were such that they would have to be resolved by the Bureau of the Budget, the General Accounting Office and the Senate Appropriations Committee. He pointed out that he had been advised by Mr. Fisher, General Counsel of the Bureau of the Budget, that Section 1113 applied to vacancies occurring after 1 July 1950, but that it would be possible to fill all vacancies which were vacated on 1 July 1950. Through this method it would be possible to cushion some of the shock of Section 1113.

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